Operation Blackboard and DPEP

2680. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating some major changes in the implementation of the two big programmes for spreading primary education, namely the Operation Blackboard and the District Primary Education Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of the specific areas identified for the review and the lines on which the programmes are to modified?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Launched in 1987-88, the scheme of Operation Blackboard was revised in 1993 to provide for third teacher and three class rooms in Primary schools with enrolment of more than 100 children. The scheme was also extended to Upper Primary School.

The report of the Working Group on Elementary Education for the Ninth Plan has recommended addition of two new components in Operation Blackboard to meet the needs of girls at the upper primary stage and to improve school level supervision and management of primary schools. These entail provision of financial assistance to States for upper primary schools in Low Female Literacy Blocks and a Head-master in selected primary schools. Allocations for the Ninth Plan have not been finalised.

DPEP is an evolving programme and necessary amendments or modifications in the project parameters would be made as and when necessary based on the past learning experiences. A definite view in this regard has not yet been taken.

Agitation by KV Teachers

2681. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the phased agitation of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas that began on 28th April, 1998 is still continuing;

(b) if so, whether the Minister level talks have since been held in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The additional Secretary (Education), Government of India, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development received the Memorandum of demands from the representatives of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (J), one of the teachers Associations, on 28.4.98 and discussed their demands in a meeting held with their representatives on 26.5.98 and subsequently with the representatives of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association on 15.6.98. Further, a meeting of the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is scheduled to be held on 14.7.98.

Recognition given to Institutions by NCTE

2682. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council for Teacher Education has granted recognition to a large number of Institutions offering courses or training in teacher education since its establishment;

(b) if so, the names of such Institutions, State and Territory-wise, with criteria laid for admission to these Institutions;

(c) whether the NCTE has laid down some guidelines for candidates and Institutions while pursuing B.Ed or offering training in the said course;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to take action against Institutions who are offering B.Ed Course with recognition of NCTE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has granted recognition to 918 institutions of teacher education.

(b) to (d) State and Zone-wise details of the Institutions which have been granted recognition by NCTE till 28.2.98 are given in NCTE's publication "All India Directory of Recognised Teacher Training Institutions", copies of which are available in the Parliament library. The National Council for Teacher Education (application for recognition, manner for submission, determination of conditions for recognition of institutions and permission to start new course for training) Regulations 1995, which have been published in the Gazette of India dated 24 February, 1996 provide detailed criteria for admission of candidates; provision of land and buildings, equipments, books and furnitures; norms for staff, finance and management; etc. for teacher education institutions at pre-primary, elementary and secondary levels.

(e) Section 17(4) of the NCTE Act, 1993 provides that teacher education qualification obtained after undertaking a course in teacher education in an institution which fails or neglects to obtain recognition from the NCTE shall not be valid for employment under the Central Government, any State Government or University or in any school, college or other educational body aided by the Central Government or any State Government.

Nomination of historians for ICHR

2683. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have nominated certain historian for the ICHR recently;

(b) if so, what is the procedure adopted for selection of the Historian; and

(c) whether Government are aware that a large section of people have a feeling that all those Historians, who have taken pro-temple view, have been rewarded?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rule 3 of the Rules of ICHR empowers the Government to nominate, inter-alia, 18 historians to the Council. On the expiry of the term of the previous Council, the Indian Council of Historical Research has been reconstituted on June 01, 1998.

(c) Government are aware of opinions expressed by different groups in this respect in some of the newspapers and magazines.

Ratio between promotees and direct recruits in Navodaya Vidyalayas

2684. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio between direct recruits and internal promotees to different categories of posts in Navodaya Vidyalayas and Regional offices and Headquarters of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti;

(b) whether PGTs have since been empanelled/promoted to the post of Vice-Principals as yet;

(c) if so, the names thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) to (d) The Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir at Jammu in the Civil Writ Petition No. 293/95, has stayed the operation of the seniority list of PGTs issued by the Samiti till the final disposal of the petition. Hence the promotion to the post of Vice-Principal could not be made till date even though the process of selection for promotion to the posts has been completed. The names of promoted PGTs are being compiled and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.